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For: NOVEL PROTEINS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE PROTEINS
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This is a decision on the request for corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), filed on September 22, 2004 for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant request that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error, because the sequence listing submitted with the application as filed is missing from the publication.

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The error is not a material mistake because the application is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/232,858, which is both patented and published as a pre-grant publication, and which is incorporated by reference. Since, the parent application is now patented and published, and contains the information printed correctly, the errors do not affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an

¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. The error also does not affect the use of the patent application publication as a prior art reference, because the continuity data is correctly published and the patent has the best date as a reference. Furthermore, this is not a material error since the Image File Wrapper (IFW) for this application is available to the public, as of July 31, 2004.

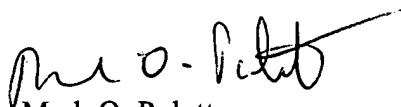
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